Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Sector	State*	Amount**
15.	National HIV/AIDS Control Project (02)	central	Bihar,U.P.	191
16.	Uttar Pradesh Sodic Lands Reclamation Project (02)	State	U.P.	194.1
17.	Woman and Child Development Project	Central	U.P.	300
18.	National Agricultural Technology Project	Central	Bihar, U.P.	196.8
19.	District Primary Education Project (03)	Central	Bihar	152
20.	Malaria Control Project	Central	Bihar	164.8
21.	Rural Womens' Development and Empowerment Project	Central	Bihar, U.P.	19.5
22.	Tuberculosis Control Project	Central	Bihar,U.P.	142.4

* States other than Bihar and UP may also be beneficiaries of the project. Only projects in which Bihar and/or UP are beneficiaries are mentioned.

** Amount in case of multistate and central sector projects is the commitment for the entire project including other beneficiary States.

World Economic Forum Meet in Davos

74. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Economic Forum met in January in Davos;

(b) if so, how the Central Government and trade was represented therein; and

(c) what strategy was adopted by the Indian team to promote India economic and trade interests and what was the response and consensus reached in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) Yes, Sir. The World Economic Forum met in Davos during 26th-30th January, 2005, for its annual meeting.

(b) The Central Government was represented on the occasion by Shri Kamal Nath, Minister for Commerce and Industry, and Shri Kapil Sibal, Minister for Science and Technology and Oceanography. The Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Smt. Vasundhara Raje, also participated at the meeting. Indian trade and indsutry was represented by a large number of prominent business leaders from various sections of Indian Industry. Leading personalities from Indian media and business associations also attended the meeting.

(c) The meeting discussed the general and sectoral policies being pursued by the Governemnt of India with the objective of creating greater awareness about the growing Indian market and emerging opportunities. Besides, the meeting also focused on India's business and investment climate and on the country's trade, education and social welfare initiatives. The response received by India at the meeting was positive and encouraging.

Shifting of Headquarters of SIDBI

75. DR. AKHILESH DAS: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any Headquarter, other than that in Lucknow, of Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) in Mumbai or in Delhi;

(b) what is the strength of the management and other staff of the said Bank in Lucknow, Delhi and Mumbai in each place separately:

(c) whether there is any proposal to gradually shift the Headquarters of SIDBI from Lucknow to Delhi or Mumbai; and

(d) whether the Chairman and other senior officers of SIDBI operate from Lucknow or elsewhere?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) SIDBI's Headquarter is in Lucknow only.

(b) The strength of the management and other staff of SIDBI in Lucknow, Delhi and Mumbai is as under:

	Officers	Other Staff
Lucknow	128	23
Delhi	048	10
Mumbai	152	37

(c) There is no proposal to shift the Headquarter of SIDBI.

(d) Chairman and other Senior Officers of SIDBI operate from Lucknow.

Abolition of Customs Duty on LPG and Kerosene

†76. PROF. R.B.S. VARMA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are considering to abolish the customs and excise duties on LPG and kerosene oil;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.